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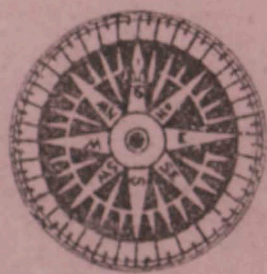
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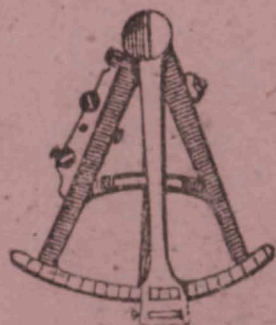
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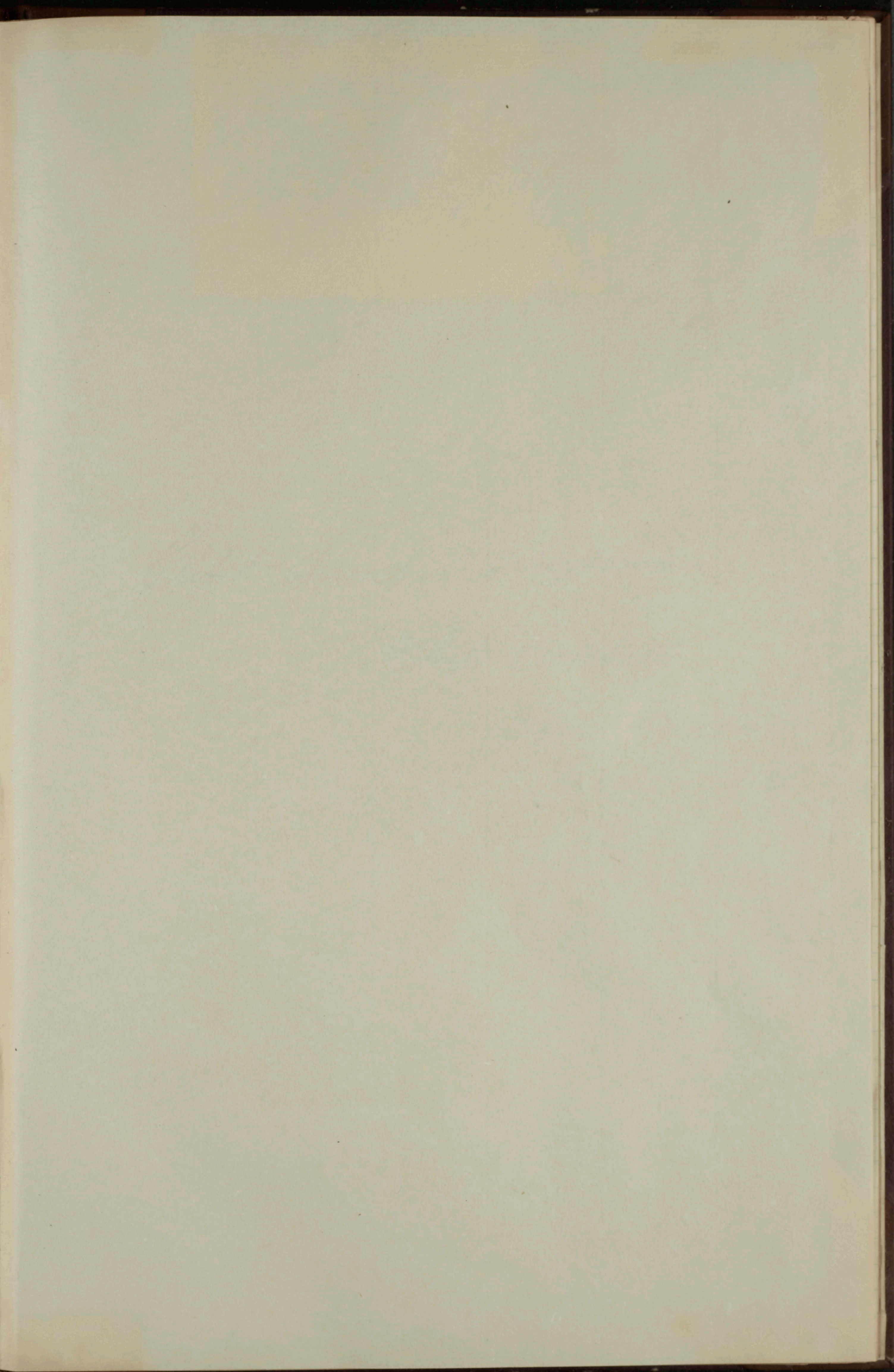
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Capt James L. Chapman

Ship "Contest"

New Bedford

Dec. 15th 1868

Left home at 11:00 am
for the coast
at 11:00 am
for the coast

Journal of Voyage in Ship Contest

1868
Dec 15th Sailed from New Bedford on a Whaling voyage to the South Atlantic Ocean

Dec 27th Lat 39.50 Lon 39.51 West

Saw a school of Sperm whales. Lowered and chased them without success toward sunset the second mate got near enough to dart at me but did not fasten. the whales going direct to the E & E. Monstrous breezes from West with a very bad sea. have had but one day good whaling weather since leaving home. have had heavy gales nearly all the time

Feb 6th
Jan 30th Crossed the Line

Feb 1869 7th Jammed with Ship Sirih Perry
8th Lat 19.30 S Lon 36.25 W Saw Sperm Whales
Chased all day without success

Mar 6th Lat 39.20 Lon 55.04 Off Cape Corrientes
Saw Sperm Whales going quick to the S E
Chased but did not get near them
many tide Rips and plenty of birds and
fish and Porpoises hereabouts

Apr 16th Arrived at Port Stanley, Falkland Is

Apr 30th Left Port Stanley

May 15th Arrived at Goughs Island sent the
Boat in Saw nothing

May 25th Have had the boat in shore several
times but have seen nothing

1869

Goughs Island

June 3rd Have been to Loutan d Achuna was about that Island 3 or 4 days had bad weather did not land Got back to Goughs Island to day sent one boat in this afternoon to get some fish

June 4th Sent two boats in to day to see if there was any Whales and get some fish about 2 P.M. the second mate saw two Whales and struck one of them Got the whale alongside about 11 o'clock Have had good weather to day

5th Last night and to day Blowing hard from W and S.W. this morning hooked on to the whale and tried to cut to Leeward, but the ship was so uneasy worked until about noon, but every thing went wrong, so gave it up and wore ship, in wearing parted my large new Hawser, but the Belly chain caught the whale fluke and held the whale until we got our best fluke chain on

6th Last night Blowing a moderate gale from N.W. at midnight the fluke chain parted and away went the whale with a fine chain and about half a fluke chain to day Blowing a heavy gale from N

7th Blowing a Gale from N.W.

8th Moderate Gale from N.W. heaving to the weatherward main close reefed topsails

9th Moderate Gale from N.W.

10th Moderate Gale from N.W.

1869 Lough Island

- June 10th Moderate weather Wind in Forenoon from the W steering for the Island Afternoon Strong Breeze and heavy rain storm
- June 12th Light wind and calm early this morning sent 3 Boats in shore saw 3 Whales so calm could not strike Evening Strong breeze from N.N.E
- June 13th Blowing a Gale from N.N.E with rain
- June 14th Strong breezes from N.N.W three boats in shore saw nothing
- June 15th Wind W.N.W with good weather Three boats in shore all day Saw 5 or 6 Whales could not strike
- June 16 Blowing a gale from N to N.W with a good deal of rain in the forenoon afternoon clear
- June 17 Blowing a gale from W.N.W
- June 18 Blowing a gale from S.W.
- June 19 Forenoon good weather Afternoon Blowing a gale from N.N.W with rain Three Boats in shore in the forenoon Saw 2 Whales
- June 20th Blowing a Stiff gale from W.S.W
- June 21 Forenoon pretty good weather with the wind at N.N.W at daylight sent 3 boats in shore. Saw 3 Whales about 1 P.M. the Haist boat struck got the whale got one alongside about 5 P.M. got supper and commenced cutting
- June 22 Wind W Good weather forenoon finished cutting lost the Head. afternoon good weather

1869 Goughs Island

- June 23 Blowing a stiff Gale from N with rain and fog
- June 24 Heavy Gale from N W afternoon moderated a little Started the works
- June 25th Blowing a moderate gale from W. S. W with a bad sea. Employed boiling the Island in sight bearing W N W distant 15 miles ship on the Northern tack
- June 26th Forenoon Calm afternoon Light breeze from N E. Evening strong breeze with rain. finished Boiling
- June 27th Last night Blowing a gale from N N E with rain. Forenoon Strong breeze from N. N. W
- June 28 Forenoon Stiff Gale from N W Afternoon Blowing a heavy Gale from W Employed Stowing down the Whale meat about 90 bbls
- June 29 Forenoon Moderate breezes from W with a very bad sea running the Island in sight bearing W S W distant 25 miles Afternoon Strong breeze from W
- June 30 Moderate Gale with rain Wind N
Saw 4 3 Boats in shore all day Saw 4
Whales the weather so bad could do nothing
- July 1st Stiff Gale with rain from N Ship under close reefed Main Top sail
- July 2 Moderate Gale from N N E with fog and rain
- July 3rd Moderate Gale from N with fog and rain

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- July 4th Blowing a gale from S W with rain and fog the Island in sight bearing E N E distant 25 miles
- July 5th Blowing a gale from W S W with heavy rain and hail squalls the Island in sight bearing S E by S
- July 6th Blowing a moderate Gale from S W with frequent hail squalls
- July 7th Forenoon Light air from W with cloudy weather afternoon Strong breeze from N at dusk the Island in sight bearing S distant 15 miles
- July 8th Strong breezes from W with clear weather about 10 A M sent the Boats in the afternoon saw two Whales, no success in striking
- Saw 2 Whales
- July 9th Last night Strong breezes from W kept the ^{ship} close to the Island, and at 7 1/2 A M sent the boat in, saw 4 Whales got near enough to dart at one of them
- Saw 4 Whales
- July 10th Last night light airs and calms this morning the Island distant 10 miles Forenoon Moderate breeze from W with Thick Fog, beating up towards the land at 12 1/2 M sent the boat in, saw two Whales this boat had one missed
- Saw 2 Whales had one missed
- July 11th Strong breeze through the night Forenoon blowing a gale from N the Island in sight bearing S distant about 8 miles Afternoon a heavy Gale from W S W ran the ship to the Leeward of the Island and then hove to
- July 12 Forenoon Strong breeze from S W with bad sea Steering N W for the Island at 1 P M sent the Boats in Saw 4 Whales got on and got one kill alongside about 8 P M dead calm all the afternoon at 2 P M strong breeze from W
- Saw 4 Whales got one

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- July 13th Blowing a gale from N with rain finished cutting about 10 AM lost the Head. I never saw a Whale cut in such a rough time. The last half of the Body we cut in across the deck. Being afraid of crippling the Main Mast
- July 14th Moderate breezes from North had sea running Employed boiling Ship under double reefs and Foresail
- July 15th Moderate gale from N N W with bad sea Employed boiling Ship under double main Topsail and close reefed Fore and Mizen Topsail
- July 16th Fresh Gale from N with heavy sea Ship under double reefs Main Topsail and Storm sails Employed boiling have been boiling 48 hours and have turned up 30 ~~lbs~~ Afternoon rain cooled down at 5 PM Started the works again
- July 17th Moderate breezes from S W with some rain Steering N W by N Employed stowing down
- July 18 Strong breezes from N E to S E carrying all sail beating up the Island in sight bearing E by N distant about 40 miles
- July 19th Last night the wind freshened to a gale from S E had too much close reefed Main Top sail Forenoon blowing a moderate gale from S with fog and rain afternoon wind S W the weather cleared up the Island in sight bearing E S E distant 20 miles

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July 20th Moderate breezes from different parts this morning the Island bearing E S E distant 10 miles sent the boat in
 Saw 1 Bow boat struck a small whale
 Whale got him along side about 9 P M
 got him and finished cutting about 1 P M

July 21st Moderate breezes from S to W with good weather at 8 A M sent the boat in shore
 Saw 3 Whales Saw 3 or 4 Whales but did not succeed in striking

July 22nd Blowing a moderate gale from N W at 10 A M sent two boats in shore
 Saw 2 at 3 P M the Larboard boat struck a whale
 Whales got him along side about 4 1/2 P M put on the large Hawser and the small cable and took the Topsails, too rough to cut
 got one Saw two Whales

July 23rd Blowing a stiff gale from N W with fog and rain. The ship under Fore and Main Spencers and Fore Top Mast Staysail the Whale lying quite easy along side

July 24th Moderate through the night this morning it breezes on again at 6 1/2 A M commenced cutting tried to cut to leeward but could do nothing more around again and cut to windward. finished cutting about 4 P M, saved the Head. never saw a Whale cut in, in so rough a sea, blowing a gale from N with rain

July 25th Blowing a gale from W N W with a very heavy sea, ship under Spencer, and 1 Top Mast Staysail

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July 26th Moderate breezes from W at daylight commenced boiling pretty good weather during the day

July 27th Blowing a moderate gale from N during the forenoon with rain and fog afternoon Wind W with pretty good weather bad sea running

July 28th Wind W during the night with frequent rain squalls. with bad sea Forenoon continued the same very bad weather to boil Ship under close reefed mains & sail

July 29th Moderate breezes from S W with rain squalls Stowed down 116 bbls oil finished boiling at daylight

July 30 This morning Strong breeze from N E at 8 A M sent the boats in at 10 A M the wind had increased to a gale called the boat aboard blowing hard until 7 P M when the wind moderated rained hard all the afternoon

July 31st Moderate Gale from N with rain at 8 A M sent two boats in shore at 11 A M the weather had got to be so bad that I called them aboard Saw two Whales

Aug 1st Moderate Gale from N with some rain, a very bad sea running Ship under close reefed topsails the weather thick and hazy have not seen the Island today

Aug 2nd Forenoon Moderate breezes from S W at 10 A M sent two boats in shore Afternoon Blowing a Gale from N W at 4 P M the boat came on board Saw one Whale going quick

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Aug 3rd Blowing a stiff Gale through the night from N W ship under close reefed topsails this forenoon the wind moderated some Afternoon Strong breezes from N W with very heavy sea

Aug 4th Moderate Gale from W S W with heavy snow and hail squalls ship under close reefed topsails

Aug 5th Moderate Gale from W S W with frequent squalls ship under storm sails the Island in sight bearing S S W distant 20 miles

Aug 6th Last night Good weather Made sail and steered for the Island at 3 AM the wind hauled to N and commenced to rain, forenoon blowing hard from N with fog and rain at 10 AM the wind hauled to N W and cleared off afternoon Strong breezes from N W the Island bearing S E distant 10 miles Ship under close reefed topsails

Aug 7th Forenoon Wind E with fog and rain afternoon Wind N E cleared off at 1 PM Saw 8 or 10 sent 3 boats in shore. Larboard boat Whales struck and parted, Bow boat struck Sunk one turned the whale up and sunk him parted from one Waist boat struck and fastened and drew slightly sent a loose whale off from one sporting their blood

Aug 8th Forenoon blowing a moderate Gale from N with fog and rain afternoon blowing a stiff Gale from S S W rain off to leeward of the Island and hauled to

1869 Goughs Island

Aug 9th Forenoon Wind S W with good
 Saw 2 weather at 9 A M sent 3 boats
 Whales in shore. Afternoon light airs
 Struck one and calms. Whisk boat struck
 and sunk him turned the Whale up and sunk him

Aug 10th Forenoon Moderate breezes from N W
 Saw 8 with good weather sent the boats in at
 Whales 8 A M Afternoon blowing hard from
 N W with rain at 5 P M called the
 boats on board. Saw 8 or 10 Whales

Aug 11th Blowing a gale last night from N W W
 with fog and rain at 10 A M Moderate
 and the wind shifted to S W at 2 P M
 cleared off the Island in sight bearing
 N distant about 15 miles made sail
 to work up Wind N W

Aug 12th Moderate breezes from N W with
 last in good weather at 2 P M sent the
 Saw nothing coast in shore Saw nothing

Aug 13th Forenoon and last night Blowing
 a gale from N E with fog and
 rain Afternoon Wind N still blowing
 hard

Aug 14th Blowing a hard gale from N N W
 with heavy sea running afternoon
 lost the Whisk boat off the cramp

Aug 15th Stiff Gale from N W with
 very heavy sea

Aug 16th Heavy Gale from N W with very
 heavy sea

Aug 17th Moderate breezes from W with a
 bad sea running. Made sail
 Steering N by W

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Aug 18th Strong breezes from N E with cloudy weather Ship heading N W under Ayable reefed Topsails and Courses Lat 41-33. trying to get back to the Island

Aug 19th Moderate breezes from S W with good weather at 10 A M got back to the Island and sent the boats in
Saw 4 Whales ~~Saw 4~~ Whales could not strike. found a Dutch Brig here from Cape Town and St. Helena. with supplies for the party on shore

Aug 20th Moderate breezes from S E with fine weather sent the boats in
Saw 2 Whales early this morning. Saw 2 Whales could not strike. the Brig is at anchor in the light in 16 Fathoms water

Aug 21st Moderate Gale from N E at 7 A M the boat went in. they stopped in the light for an hour or two when it got to be too rough to stop there. so they went around to leeward of the Island at 4 P M the boats came on board Saw no Whales but brought on board 16 Fur Seal the Brig left last night

Aug 22nd Stiff Gale from N E with fog and rain. Ship under Storm sails heading N W

Aug 23rd Moderate breezes from W with good weather at 12 M sent the boats in shore
Saw 4 Whales ~~Saw 4~~ Whales which boat struck after being fast a while got store had to cut
Struck one got line lost the Whale got the storen boat
Struck to cut aboard about 5 P M

Aug 24th Blowing hard from N W sent the boats in at 9 A M at 12 M the boats came on board. the weather being too bad to stop in near the land the whalers came near capsizing the boats afternoon thick fog with rain

1869 Goughs Island

Aug 25th Moderate breezes from S E with good weather at 8 A M sent the boat in saw two Whales. Struck one. and sunk him in about 10 fathoms water. the whale sunk so heavy that three boats could not and anchored just to hold him up. could not get the large one in to the ship. so they anchored him and got the with two boat anchoring. shortly after small one struck the other whale and got him alongside at 4 P M finished cutting at 6 1/2 P M this is a small whale will probably make 35 or 40 bbls the whale they sunk is a 100 bbl whale

Aug 26th Blowing a hard gale from N N W with rain and fog ran off to leeward of the Island and hove too under close reefed main & foresail

Aug 27th Still blowing hard from N W with heavy squalls with hail and rain

Aug 28th Light breezes from S W with good weather. got back to the Island and saw 2 Whales got our Whale alongside and commenced cutting at 3 1/2 P M

Aug 29th Light air and calms with good weather boats in shore all day saw nothing

Aug 30th Strong breezes from S with some rain boats in saw nothing

Aug 31st Moderate gale from N N E with fog and rain ship under close reefed M & foresail

Sept 1st Moderate breezes from W with thick weather at 7 A M wore ship and made sail and steered N by W to try and find the Island.

- 1869
 Sept 2nd Strong breezes from S E with
 fog and rain did not see Goughs
 Island yesterday. so shaped a
 course for Tristan d Achuna
 at 4 P M took in sail the weather
 being thick and rainy
- Sept 3rd Strong breezes from N with good
 weather
- Sept 4th Moderate breezes from W N W
 with good weather this afternoon
 passed Inaccessable saw nothing
 at Gask here to between Inaccessable
 and Tristan
- Sept 5th Strong breezes from W N W
 this forenoon ran along the Island
 of Tristan close in ran half way
 around the Island saw nothing too
 rough to land afternoon blowing
 hard from N W here too on the
 northern tack under storm sails
- Sept 6th Strong breezes with heavy squalls
 from W ship under close reefed
 top sail and Spencer.
- Sept 7 Moderate Gales from W with cloudy
 weather Ship under short sail
 employed Stowing down
- Sept 8 Moderate Gales from S W with
 heavy squalls Ship under double
 reefed Top sails Lat 34° 17'
- Sept 9 Light air and calms
- Sept 10 Light breezes from W to S W
- Sept 11 Light breezes from N W to S W
 with fine weather

1869 Ship Contest

- Sept 12 Light breezes from W N W to W S W with fine weather ship under all sail
- Sept 13th Lat 30.00 S Lon 20.13 W
Light gins and calms with fine weather saw 1 Linbark
- Sept 14 Lat 30.45 Lon 21.31
Strong breezes from N W with good weather ship going W S W
- Sept 15 Moderate breezes from S with good weather carrying all sail steering W by N saw three large ships steering to the Eastward
- Sept 16 Moderate breezes from E with good weather steering W by N
Lat ~~30~~ 31.43 Lon 27.00
- Sept 17 Strong breezes from N N W with cloudy weather and some rain
- Sept 18 Lat 32.00 Lon 33.19
Strong breezes from S S W with good weather. Steering W by N
- Sept 19 Moderate breezes from E with good weather steering W by N
- Sept 20 Moderate breezes from N E with cloudy weather steering W by N
- Sept 21 Light breezes from N with fog and rain Lat 30.35
- Sept 22 Light breezes from W with thick weather ship on the northern tack
- Sept 23^d Strong breezes from S E with thick weather steering N W by W saw 3 sails

1869 Ship Count

Sept 24 Lat 27° 50 Lon 46° 38
 Light breezes from S E with good weather, but a bad sea running
 at 6 1/2 A M raised Sperm Whales
 Got breakfast and lowered, the mate
 got one struck, a 50 blb whale and got store
 got the whale alongside and commenced
 cutting at 1 P M, there were quite a
 number of Whales in the school. They
 were going N E

Sept 25 Lat 27° 40 Lon 46° 30
 Light breezes from S E with good
 weather, cleared away the Head and
 started the work. Saw nothing
 Strong tide rips hereabouts

Sept 26 Lat 27° 40 Lon 46° 23
 Fresh breezes from N E with fine
 weather saw several finbacks and
 some Killers. Employed boiling

Sept 27 Lat 27° 15 Lon 46° 50
 Moderate breezes from E N E with
 good weather. Steering N W saw
 nothing

Sept 28 Lat 28° 11 Lon 47° 04
 Strong breezes from N E with
 good weather Steering S saw
 nothing

Sept 29 Strong breezes from N E with thick
 weather. Stowed 50 blbs Sperm Oil

Sept 30 Strong breezes from N E with
 thick weather saw nothing

Oct 1st Moderate breezes from N E with
 hazy weather. in the afternoon
 raised the land stood in within
 20 miles and wore off

1869 Coast of Brazil

Oct 2 Light airs and calms this morning at daylight the land distant about 5 miles call it the misale of the Island of St Catharines bent the chains and got the anchors off the Bows

Oct 3^d Last night had a good breeze from S for two or three hours after that Light airs and calms, at dark saw the Light on the south end of St Catharines bearing S W this forenoon calm afternoon a moderate breeze from N E beating up along the land have seen quite a number of Humpbacks today

Oct 4th Strong breeze from S S E Arrived beating up along the land, and at 4 1/2 PM came to anchor in St Catharines the Bay of St Catharines in 5 Fathoms water. Saw several Humpbacks to day

Oct 19th Forenoon wind light from S W afternoon strong breeze from E at 5 AM got under weigh and left Santa Cruz met the Barque George coming in. I have had a great deal of trouble in St Catharines having lost 7 men and the fourth Mate by desertion, can not get any thing in the way of recruits at this season of the year except some Lads

Nov 6th Lat 34.16 Lon 49.10 Since leaving Port have had head winds and calms nearly all the time until to day when we got a good breeze from S W with fine weather at 10 AM got one raised 3 Sprm Whales and lowered and got one to the Larboard Boat

1869 Coast of Brazil

Nov 7th Finished cutting and started the works

Nov 8th Fine weather with the wind E & E Steering S W saw nothing

Nov 9th Fine weather with the wind N E Steering S W under easy sail Saw nothing

Nov 10th Lat 36.20 Lon 53.15-
Moderate breeze from N E with fine weather Steering S W Saw nothing. struck the edge of green water this afternoon

Nov 13th Finished stowing stowing down the whale stowed down 80 bbls

Nov 16 Lat 39.00 Lon 57.20
Strong breeze from S E with good weather. at 2 P M raised a Right Whale lower and the Bow Boat struck. got the whale turned up about 5 P M. the whale sunk heavy, so that the Boats could not get him up took the lines to the ship but there being a heavy swell running the line soon broke hence the lead and found 45 fathoms water

Nov 23 In St. Georges Bay on the South side ran the shore down with the boats about 30 miles saw one Humpback

Nov 30 / Lat 49.15-
Saw 3 Off Port St. Julian about 25 miles Whales off shore saw 3 Right Whales got one off with boat struck and got one Saw a Bark to the Southward Whaling

1869 Patagonia

Dec 3rd Lat 50.20

Saw 1 Whale
Saw one Right Whale about 25 miles off shore Mount Entrances bearing N W by compass lowered for the whale but did not succeed in striking. the whale was shooting about first on way then the other

Dec 4th Lat 50.22

Wind from S W to N with fine weather Saw nothing the land in sight about 30 miles off
Stowed down 100 bbls oil in the after hold

Dec 10th Lat 50.15 Lon about 67.00

Saw 2 Whales
Saw 2 Whales got one and cut him it being quite rough and the piece got one tearing lost the head

Dec 14th Lat 49.45 Lon 66.20

Saw 1 Whale
Saw one Whale, saw him three times and did not see him again did not lower

Dec 15th Moderate Gale from SSW

Stowed down 100 bbls oil
have had bad weather for the last five days

Dec 19 Lat 50.14

Saw 2 Whales
The Land in sight about 30 miles distant Saw 2 Whales lowered and Gallied them Fine weather

Dec 20 Lat 50.12 Lon 67.36

Saw 1 Whale
The Land about 25 miles distant
Saw 1 Whale going S E very quick
Did not lower

1869

Patagonia

Dec 21 This morning in Lat 50..30 The Land
 Distant about 30 miles saw one Whale
 Saw 1 going quick to the N E and not lower
 Whale afternoon Lat 51..10 Lon 67..45
 Strong breeze from N E and rough

Dec 23^d Lat 50..40 The Land Distant about
 20 miles saw 2 Whales a Cow and calf
 Saw 2 got the Cow Killed the calf but did
 Whales not take it

Dec 31 Lat 50..42 The Land distant 30 miles
 Saw 1 Saw 1 Whale going quick to the S W
 Whale did not lower

1870
 Jan 1 Lat 51..10 The Land distant 30 miles
 Saw 2 Whales going quick to the N
 Saw 2 Lowered but did not get near them
 Whales Cape Fairweather in sight

Jan 9th Lat 51..00 The Land distant 30 miles
 Saw 1 Saw 1 Whale Lowered and got him
 Whale finished cutting at 6 P M

Jan 10 Lat 50..30 The Land distant 25 miles
 Saw 3 Whales Lowered and the Larboard
 Saw 3 boat soon struck got one iron in and
 Whales the other iron soon cut the line. The
 got one Waist boat soon struck another one
 Finished cutting about 11 P M

Jan 15 Lat 51..33 The Land distant about 35
 miles Saw 1 Whale Lowered and got
 Saw 1 him. Commenced cutting about 7 P M
 Whale finished cutting about 1 A M
 got him

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Jan 27th Lat 52.37 Lon 67.00

Saw 1 Whale Saw 1 Small Whale Lowered and
got him. Finished cutting at 8 1/2 PM

Feb 2nd Lat 50.57 Lon 67.47

Saw 3 Whales Saw 3 Whales quite still got one
to the Larboard Boat Finished
got one cutting at 9 PM

Feb 3rd Lat 50.57 Lon 67.53

Saw 2 Whales Saw 2 Whales Whisk Boat struck
just before sunset held on until
after dark and cut the whale then
being nearly dead Blowing hard
from N with some fog

Feb 4th Lat 50.53 Lon 67.56

Saw 1 Whale Saw 1 Whale Lowered and got him
Whale took him alongside about sunset
got him did not hook on to cut

Feb 14 Saw 2 Whales Lowered but did not
proceed in stripping. Blowing hard
from N N E

Feb 20 Have not seen any whales since
the 14th and have have had bad
weather nearly all the time since
the 4th so I have decided that
it is about time to leave

Mar 21 Arrived at St Catharines have
seen nothing since leaving Patagonia

Mar 29 Sailed from St. Catharines Left the
A R Tucker there 110 bbls sperm oil this
Season

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